



225th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown
October 19-22, 2006

A cooperative effort of:

- Celebrate Yorktown Committee
- Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Jamestown 2007
- Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- National Park Service
- York County
- Yorktown Day Association

Schedule of Events

The 225th anniversary celebration of the victory at Yorktown will be observed with four days of festivities organized around the central theme of “A Salute to the Military.” The events will include:

Thursday, October 19

- **Yorktown Day Parade** – A patriotic parade down Yorktown’s Main Street, featuring military groups, patriotic societies, Revolutionary era organizations, fife and drum corps, and marching bands commemorate the 225th anniversary of the victory at Yorktown (Historic Yorktown).
- **Commemorative Ceremony** at the Yorktown Victory Monument – a pageant of flags, greetings from the Embassy of France in the United States, a keynote speaker, and wreath laying are highlights of these ceremonies in memory of those who fought and died during the siege of Yorktown in 1781 (Yorktown Victory Monument).
- **Naturalization Ceremony** – approximately 50 new United States citizens take the oath of citizenship on the 225th anniversary of the winning of American independence (Yorktown Victory Monument).
- **Electronic Field Trip** - A live television broadcast from the battlefield and internet resources bring the climactic battle of the American Revolution to life for students around the country in this interactive educational experience. Learn the story of the biggest turning point in the Revolutionary War and follow the people who converged on the tiny village of York in October 1781: the military leaders, common soldiers, and civilians whose lives were changed forever by the siege. Join us to learn why Yorktown was the place where American independence was finally secured.
- **3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard) Performance** – The Commander-in-Chief’s Guard and the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps, elements of the President’s ceremonial honor guard, demonstrate 18th-century military tactics and music in uniforms similar to those worn by the Continental Army (Yorktown Battlefield).

- **Pass in Review Ceremony** - A long-standing military tradition that began as a way for a newly assigned commander to inspect his troops, the pass in review will feature re-created and modern military units parading on the Yorktown battlefield (Yorktown Battlefield Stage).
- ***We Salute You*** – A salute to the men and women of the American armed forces, on the fields where the American military achieved the first great victory in their illustrious history. (Yorktown Battlefield Stage).
- **Wreath laying ceremonies**, including the French cemetery and French Memorial in honor of soldiers and sailors who fought for American independence at Yorktown; and the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., Yorktown resident and signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- **"The Legacy of Yorktown: Virginia Beckons"** - This new exhibition examines how people from many different cultures, those in Virginia before the 1607 founding of Jamestown and those who arrived later, shaped a new society, with a focus on immigration from 1607 to 1830 and the stimulus created by the founding of the republic (Yorktown Victory Center).
- **Military Band Concert Followed by Spectacular Fireworks over the York River**

Friday, October 20

- **Re-enactment camps** open, featuring as many as 3,000 re-enactors providing a full day of tactical demonstrations and education programming opportunities. Highlighting the tactical demonstrations will be “Artillery Through the Ages,” providing examples of 400 years of American artillery, the military arm most responsible for the victory at Yorktown (Yorktown Battlefield).
- **Mass Fife & Drum Performance** – Fife and drum corps from throughout the United States perform 18th-century military music in uniform (Yorktown Battlefield).
- **Arrival of Crown Troops** – British army re-enactors march into Yorktown from their camps at Endview Plantation (Yorktown Battlefield).
- ***Ba-baah & the Windigo*** – The story of the 1607 arrival of the Jamestown settlers is magically told from the point-of-view of a young Indian girl and the indigenous animals. This original story is a rockin’, fun-packed adventure with amazing characters, compelling original music and giant choreography. This 30-minute production is fun for the whole family! (Riverwalk Stage)
- **Tactical Field Demonstration** – Nearly 3,000 Revolutionary War re-enactors provide military demonstrations featuring artillery, infantry and cavalry maneuvers (Yorktown Battlefield).

- ***Anniversary Voices*** – A live musical and dance production featuring 16 talented young people who perform a variety musical show themed around *America's 400th Anniversary*. An exciting combination of up-beat original songs, along with traditional and contemporary medleys, energetic dances and colorful costumes, the production includes dancers, singers and a live rhythm section.
- **Re-enactment of attack on Redoubts 9 & 10** – The one major infantry action of the siege of Yorktown in which General Washington's armies captured two of the last British fortifications is re-enacted by as many as 3,000 Revolutionary War re-enactors (Endview Plantation).
- **Artillery Through the Ages** – An examination and demonstrations of the history of American artillery, from the muskets of 17th-century Jamestown to the modern day artillery used in Iraq and other battlefields around the world (Yorktown Battlefield).
- ***1781-An American Symphony*** – The story of the victory at Yorktown is told in this 75-minute live action drama, complete with a live orchestra and choral music. The action will be illuminated and punctuated with smoke, sound and light displays placed strategically around the battlefield (Yorktown Battlefield).
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- **Dancing in the Street** – A live band and DJ provide music on the green at Riverwalk Landing.

Saturday, October 21

- **Yorktown Victory Celebration** - Demonstrations of military life and tactics mark the 225th anniversary of America's victory at Yorktown. To experience Continental Army life firsthand, visitors can enroll in "A School for the Soldier" to try on uniforms, march to the beat of a Revolutionary drum and join in other hands-on military activities (Yorktown Victory Center).
- **Juried Art Show**
- **Children's Activity Area** – including a parade, rides and activities including face painting, balloon animals and clowns (Riverwalk Landing).
- **Mass Fife & Drum Performance** – Fife and drum corps from throughout the United States perform 18th-century military music in uniform (Yorktown Battlefield).
- **Seafood Festival** – Seafood will be prepared and served by "The Women of the Water." Arts and crafts booths and other exhibitors. Special events for children. (Watermen's Museum).

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- **Recreation of Abercrombie's Foray** – American and British re-enactors recreate this late action from the Siege of Yorktown, in which approximately 350 British troops stormed the American and French positions in hopes of disrupting the siege operations (Yorktown Battlefield).
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- **Surrender Ceremony** – Nearly 3,000 re-enactors are expected to participate in this recreation of the march to the surrender field and ceremonial surrender of the British army, the official act ending the siege of Yorktown (Surrender Field).
- **Interpretive program of parlay** – Revolutionary War re-enactors recreate the cease-fire of the British army, in which they flew the white flag requesting a truce, bringing an end to the bombardment by the Allied armies and beginning the negotiations to surrender their army.
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